

November Nuggets - November 24



The following was sent to the KYAE listserv.

Guarantee to Pass

The GED Ready™ test is probably the best diagnostic tool we have for identifying the areas where a student needs additional instruction and determining if a student is ready to take the GED® test. The Ready™ test has proven to be so effective in providing recommendations for targeted instruction and predicting success on the GED® test that **a recent workgroup of Kentucky adult educators and directors recommended that the Ready™ test be used earlier in the instructional cycle** rather than waiting until the end of instruction and administering it merely as a test readiness requirement.

The Ready™ test score report shows study recommendations for each student. Study materials from a number of different publishers, including Fast Forward, can be selected to direct the student to specific page numbers and chapters where the student can find additional practice to improve their performance.

Those who pass the GED Ready™ test with a score in the “likely to pass” green range are highly likely, as in 95% likely, to pass the same content area of the operational GED® test. Previously this was a score of 158 or above on any content area, but GED Testing Service® now has enough data and feels confident enough to move this category downwards to include scores that were previously in the higher yellow (“too close to call”) range.

To demonstrate confidence in the predictive capability of the GED Ready™ test, GED Testing Service® has offered a limited time promotion called “Guarantee to Pass.” Students who score in the “likely to pass” category on Ready™ tests taken during the promotional period will be given a free retake if they take the same content area of the GED® test within 60 days of passing the Ready™ test.

Like most promotions, there are details in the fine print:

To be eligible for the GED Ready™ Practice Test Guarantee, students must meet Kentucky’s eligibility requirements, take the GED Ready™ practice test during the promotion timeframe **(September 22 - December 31, 2014)**, achieve a score of 155-200 on Social Studies, 152-200 on Science, 152-200 on Reasoning Through Language Arts, or 154-200 on Mathematical Reasoning, on the GED Ready™ practice test, and take the same test subject within 60 calendar days of the GED Ready™ test date shown on the student’s MyGED™ account. (This means that students who take the GED Ready™ on Dec. 31 and meet all other qualifications, can redeem their Free Retake Offer for 60 days into 2015.)

If you have any questions on this topic, contact Rae Smith at rae.smith@ky.gov.

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